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Honorable Douglas Dillon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in response to your letter of January 20, 1964, and in confirmation of our discussion at our luncheon on February 4.

The Commission appreciates the necessity of treating data about present and future Presidential protection with the most stringent security safeguards. Accordingly, the Commission subscribes, without qualification, to your suggestions as to precautions to be observed in affording the Commission access to materials on Presidential protection.

We anticipate that all members of the Commission staff will receive, in the near future, clearance through the level of Top Secret on the basis of a full field investigation under the direction of the Civil Service Commission. The Commission would institute measures to make certain that access to the data discussed in your letter would be available only to staff members with such clearance, and only to those staff members actually participating in this phase of the Commission's activities. As you suggest, the Commission would make certain that no publicity would be given to this portion of the Commission's activities. Finally, any recommendations or comments which the Commission may desire to make respecting Presidential protection would be classified as appropriate, and made directly to the agency or agencies concerned or to the President.

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The Commission would be pleased to have you advise the President, when you discuss this matter with him, that the Commission would adopt your suggestions with respect to any classified data on Presidential protection, whether obtained from the Department of the Treasury or any other Federal, state, or local agency.

Sincerely,

Chairman